on payment of a light duty. In that connection, the Member pointed out the undesirability of the Excise officers conducting house searches for smuggled tobacco during nights. If smuggling was suspected, the houses might be sealed and searches conducted the next morning.

Dewan's reply.—The Excise Commissioner and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries will be asked to report on the representations made by the Member.

III.—PROTECTION.

(1) Legislation.

29. Appointment of a Jenmi Member to the Legislative Council.

Mr. Narayanan Tuppan Nambooripad (Member, Jenmi, Kottayam Division) said that all the members of the Legislative Council were formerly appointed by the Government. Since the creation of the Popular Assembly, the members for each Division were allowed to elect a non-official member to the Council and the remaining non-official members were being nominated by the Government. Neither by election nor by nomination had a Jenmi the privilege till now to enter the Council, and under the present arrangements, he could not hope that a Jenmi would ever enter the Council. If it were argued that the member elected by the Assembly members of each Division would safeguard the interests of the Jenmies in that Division, he would reply that the Jenmies had interests, distinctly separate from those of all others, as the heads of religious and charitable institutions of the State and as the proprietors of a major portion of the landed estates in the country. Their rights and interests would clash with those of others and therefore the Division member could not be said to represent the Jenmies in the Council. The interests of the Jenmies were at stake in the many Regulations that were being passed affecting land and it was therefore desirable to allow them a voice in the framing of those Regulations. The planting communities who had comparatively very little landed interests in the country, had a representative ex Further, the Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation Amendment Bill would soon come before the Council and it would be an extreme misfortune to the Jenmies if they had no representative on the Council at the time. It was true that there were few Jenmies who could understand the proceedings of the Council which were conducted in English. He therefore prayed that they might be permitted to nominate, from any other community, a gentleman in whom they had confidence.

Dewan.—The Government have no objection to nominate a Jenmi Member to the Legislative Council. But the proceedings of the Council are conducted in English and it is not possible to make any change now. It has been in English for a long time. If the community can propose the name of a Jenmi, possessing at least some knowledge of English, the Government will appoint him to the Council. The appointment of one from another community to represent the Jenmies would be something like the appointment of a pleader.

The Member said that he would enquire and suggest the name of a Jenmi for membership in the Legislative Council.

Mr. Trivikramar Vasudevar (Member, Jenmi, Padmanabhapuram Division) said that English education among the Malayala Brahmins was only beginning to spread, and some of their boys had just come up to Form III. The appointment of such persons to the Council would do more harm than good. It was absolutely necessary to have a representative of the Jenmies on the Council to safeguard their interests when the new Bill came up for discussion there. It would not be safe for them to remain unrepresented in the Council until the present generation had acquired sufficient English education. He proposed that, until they were in a position to nominate one from among themselves, the Jenmi Sabha might be permitted to nominate a gentleman from any other community. The member so nominated would be entrusted with their interests in the same way as they made over their civil suits to vakils.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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